

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

**Chief Ronal W. Serpas**

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## **WSP Employees Receive Awards**

Chief Ronal Serpas announced today departmental awards will be given to the following Washington State Patrol employees:

### **Division Commendation Award**

Trooper Kenneth E. Ahrens  
Detective Joseph R. Bussman  
Detective Dwight L. Combs  
Detective Dean S. Fenn  
Detective Kermit L. Gagner  
Trooper Michael G. Grall  
Detective Tracy L. Hansen  
Detective John A. Huntington  
Trooper Richard L. Louthan

Detective J. Matt McMillen  
Detective Steven W. Penry  
Detective Dan W. Presba  
Lieutenant Robin S. Reichert  
Detective Sergeant Robert C. Thurston  
Trooper Glen D. Tyrrell  
Detective John R. Wright  
Trooper Brett A. Yacklin

In recognition of your thorough homicide investigation, which resulted in the aggravated murder conviction in the August 2000 shooting of Clallam County Deputy Wally Davis.

### **Bureau Commendation Award**

Detective Sergeant Randall F. Drake

In recognition for your superior performance as the West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team (WestNET) commander.

### **District Commendation Award**

Trooper Darren S. Hettinger (Oak Harbor)

In recognition of your successful efforts to prevent a female subject from jumping off the Deception Pass Bridge.

**Chief's Award for Professional Excellence**

Trooper David V. Kaiser (Kennewick)  
Trooper Roger D. Wilbur (Kennewick)

Trooper Bradley T. Neff (Kennewick)

In recognition of your outstanding contribution to the Field Operations Bureau's core mission and the apprehension of over 200 impaired drivers during 2002.

**Chief's Award for Distinguished and Devoted Service**

Detective Jesse M. Regalado (Olympia)

In recognition of your superior performance as a member of the Computer Crimes Unit.

"I am extremely proud to have the opportunity in awarding these outstanding employees of the Washington State Patrol. Individuals like these—along with every employee of the State Patrol—continue to make a difference every day," stated Chief Serpas.

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